



## LAWN TO GARDEN CONVERSION REBATE

City of Fresno will pay customers \$.50 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with water-efficient landscape.

500 square feet maximum

### Reduce Water Use Outdoors

Save Water and Money by removing live turf on your property and replacing it with Water-efficient landscaping. City of Fresno will pay customers \$.50 per square foot to remove turf - - up to 500 square feet of irrigated turf (500 square feet maximum, 50 square minimum). Turf grass is commonly planted in home and commercial landscapes, and it consumes large amounts of water. It is often planted in underutilized areas. Most customers find that they can replace some or all of the turf in their landscape without reducing enjoyment of the property. Water-efficient landscapes can use up to 50% less water. The amount saved depends on amount of turf removed, type of plants installed, irrigation system, and soil type. A water-efficient landscape uses less water and does not require expensive maintenance.

### Free City of Fresno Water-wise Landscape Consultation

We recommend that prior to removing the turf in your yard, that you request a Free Water-wise Landscape Consultation by the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program. Consultations are by appointment only. The service includes recommendations for water-wise plants suitable for the Fresno area, irrigation installation, and turf removal. A simple design may be drawn onsite to give the customer ideas of water-wise landscape possibilities. The value of conversion by stages is also explained.



**APPLICATIONS:** City of Fresno Water Conservation Program: 621-5480; email: [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov) or click on \$Rebates at [www.fresno.gov/water](http://www.fresno.gov/water)

### Rebate Process

1. Do not begin removing your turf until you have read and can verify that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.
2. *It is recommended that you request a Free landscape consultation from the City of Fresno.*
3. Take required photos, measurements and submit application along with your recent Fresno City utility bill.
4. Remove turf, install replacement water-efficient landscape and after appropriate irrigation changes, take required clear, color, dated photos.
5. Send completed application, drawing with measurements and clear, color photos that are dated to the Water Conservation Program.
6. You will be notified if an inspection is required.
7. Rebate will be mailed 8-9 weeks after application approval and inspection.

### IMPORTANT

**Eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping:** drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.

## Lawn to Garden Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

### Requirements

- *City of Fresno recommends that you take advantage of the Fresno Water Conservation Free Water-wise Landscape Consultation prior turf removal. We can also help answer rebate application questions at that time.*
- The purpose of this incentive is to reduce water use. Grass must have some life and cover the proposed project area.
- What does not qualify: projects that have been started or completed prior to City of Fresno review of application, installation of vegetable gardens where grass once was, water features and fountains, high water use and invasive plants, weeds, dead or brown non-irrigated grass.
- Submit the requested information on application information along with: at least 5 clear, color, dated photos of the areas where you plan to remove turf (front yard, side yard, back yard, etc.), a drawing with measurements of the turf area to be removed. Also indicate irrigation changes. Photos must include your home, street or fence as reference point. Drawing must include landmarks such as sidewalks, fences, driveways, etc. Free printable graph templates available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>
- City of Fresno will review application to approve, deny or require more information.
- Install a new landscape that meets the terms and conditions for the City of Fresno. **Only the following are eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping: drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, ungrouted stepping stones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.**
- When your project is complete, submit any required information along with: at least 5 clear, color, dated photos of each area where turf was removed and replacement landscaping installed. Also show irrigation.
- You will be notified if an inspection is required. Your rebate application will be reviewed and you will receive a dated notification of City approval, denial or request for more information.
- This rebate is effective 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.
- All projects must be completed within 120 days of City-designated start (review approval) date.

### Who Qualifies:

- Rebate available to City of Fresno water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Fresno Water Division where a tenant is the water customer.
- Limit one rebate per following qualified account: PUD's, HOA's, mobile homes, condos/townhouses or any other shared billing accounts also qualify as individual units and may receive rebate. Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system. Multi-Family complexes also may qualify. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.
- New construction does not qualify.

### Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Final rebate cannot be larger than your rebate amount, even if you remove additional square footage. It is important that you estimate and measure your project area correctly.
- Turf removal and water-efficient landscaping must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Fresno water utility bill account. Turf may not be reinstalled while you maintain ownership of the property. If turf is reinstalled during that time, the entire rebate must be refunded.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- By submitting this application you are agreeing to a verification inspection to be eligible for rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Guidelines and Conditions.
- Accounts must be current and non-delinquent.
- Program applies to turf removed after 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.

### Rebates:

- Rebate amount \$.50 per square foot grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping - - up to 500 square feet. 50 square feet minimum. Minimum rebate \$25; Maximum rebate \$250.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebate may not exceed the cost of the rebate offer.
- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. *This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or the vendor is provided.
- Rebate checks will be mailed 8-9 weeks after completing the rebate process.

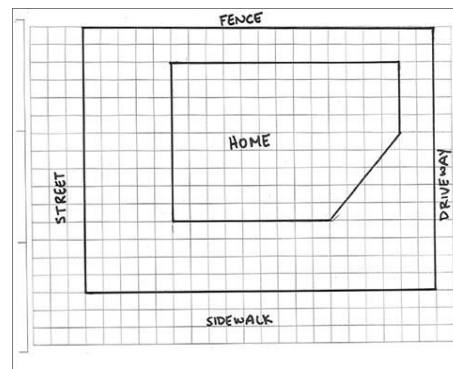
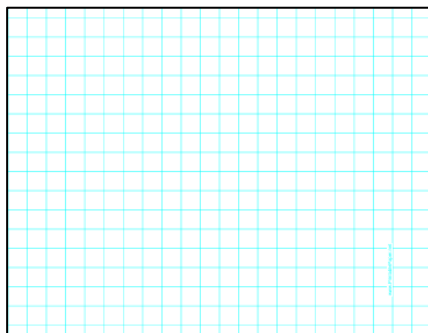
## Measuring your lawn area for rebate

- Make a drawing of your home and borders of yard. Write in descriptions of areas near turf to help orient yourself.
- Divide the project area into easily measured shapes.
- Take measurements to find square footage of each shape for total square footage.
- Add those calculated areas to your drawing.
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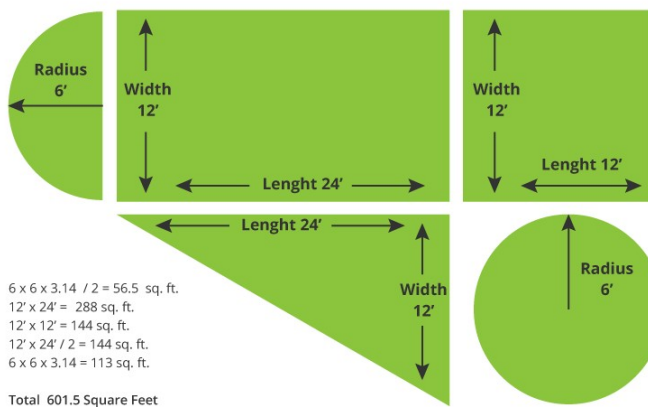
There are many online area calculator tools that will calculate the square footage of common shapers after you enter the required measurements. One example: <http://www.mathsisfun.com/area-calculation-tool.html>. You can also watch demonstrations online on how to measure your lawn at the *YouTube* site.

Graph paper works well for drawings. Free printable graph templates are available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>

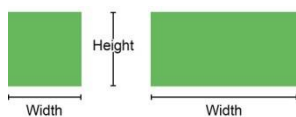
Start by drawing landmarks on your site.



Calculate the lawn area to be removed on your site and put into your drawing.  
City of Fresno's rebate is for 500 square feet maximum and 50 square feet minimum.

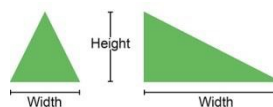


Calculation examples



### Square or Rectangle

Height multiplied by Width = Square Footage



### Triangle

Height multiplied by Width and divided by 2 = Square Footage

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Mail to: City of Fresno, Water conservation, Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate, 1910 E University, Fresno, CA 93703.  
Phone: (559) 621-5480 – fax (559) 498-4228, Email: [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov), Website: [www.fresno.gov/water](http://www.fresno.gov/water)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Account Information</b>	<b>Please print clearly</b>
	Fresno City Utility Billing Account # _____
	<b>Note:</b> Copy of most recent City of Fresno Utility Bill must be included with this application.

Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Attention: Renters and Tenants: Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager.  
Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Building Information</b> (Installation Address)	<b>Building Type (X Select):</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Apt/Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family home <input type="checkbox"/> PUD <input type="checkbox"/> Condo <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home <input type="checkbox"/> HOA Shared billing account <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional

**Number of:** People in selected unit \_\_\_\_\_ Selected unit # (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_ Site Name (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

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Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location: Front \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Square feet of turf to remove \_\_\_\_\_ Type of turf to remove \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible Replacement (check as many as apply): ☐ Drought-tolerant plants   ☐ Mulch   ☐ Rock   ☐ Un-grouted stepping stones   ☐ Permeable hardscape   ☐ Artificial turf.

Average gallons of water used for year prior to application year: \_\_\_\_\_

Rebate: _____ square feet @ \$.50 per square foot \$ _____
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**Rebate Information**

How did you learn about this rebate? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you have removed turf at this time if this rebate was not being offered? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Inspection and Documentation****DOCUMENTATION:**

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.
- Photos and measurements must accompany application..
- Compliance with Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate on Guidelines and Requirements is required.
- An on-site inspection at the address shown on the City of Fresno utility bill may be required.

**Agreement of Terms and Conditions**

City of Fresno may deny any application that does not meet program requirements which can be obtained by calling (559) 621-5480. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time without prior notice. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete, sign, and date this page. Attach proof of purchase before mailing. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.

TRACKING # \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use Only**

Application: Approved \_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_ Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Square feet of turf removed \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date to Accounting \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Rebate: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNTING:** Rebate Check sent : Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_